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SUBJECT: SUHARTO VISIT TO U.S.

REFS: A. JAKARTA 5861

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1. WHILE UNCERTAINTIES STILL EXIST RE SUHARTO VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT, I WAS ASSURED IN MAY 23 MEETING WITH GENERAL TJIKROPANOLO (ACTING IN ABSENCE STATE MINISTER SUDHARMONO) AND WIDYA LATIEF (CHIEF OF STATE PROTOCOL) THAT DATES OF SUHARTO VISITS TO CANADA AND US REMAIN FIRM.

2. TWO GENERALS STILL UNABLE TO SAY, HOWEVER, WHEN ANNOUNCEMENT RE VISIT TO US CAN BE MADE HERE AND IN U.S. THEY FEEL ANNOUNCEMENT OF US VISIT MUST COME AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT RE VISIT TO CANADA -- AND TIMING OF LATTER STILL UNCERTAIN APPARENTLY, AT LEAST IN PART, BECAUSE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT INSISTING FOR SECURITY REASONS THAT SUHARTO TO IRAN NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE VISIT TAKES PLACE. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF WASHINGTON BEING ABLE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER VISIT TO CANADA IS MADE PUBLIC AND THEY UNDERSTOOD. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR JOHNSTON LATER TOLD ME CANADIANS WAITING FOR GO AHEAD ON ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GOI. CANADIANS READY ANY TIME.

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3. PLANS OFR OFFICIAL PARTY STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT

GENERALS SAID PRINCIPALS ALMOST CERTAIN TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. SUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. MALIK, ECONOMIC PLANNING MINISTER WIDJOJO, STATE MINISTER (GENERAL) SUDHARMONO AND GENERALS TJOJROPANOLO AND LATIEF THEMSELVES. (APART FROM MRS. SUHARTO AND MRS. MALIK, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR OTHER WIVES TO BE IN PARTY.) THEY SAID PARTY, IN ADDITION TO PRINCIPALS, WOULD CONSIST OF ABOUT 30 (INCLUDING SOME PRESS).

4. IN COMMENT TO MY WIFE EARLIER IN WEEK, MRS. SUHARTO MADE CLEAR SHE EXPECTING TO GO TO CAMP DAVID. IT WAS CLEAR ON ASSUMPTION THAT ALL PRINCIPALS (INCLUDING MRS. SUHARTO AND MRS. MALIK) WILL GO TO CAMP DAVID, WHILE REST OF PARTY STAYS BEHIND FOR WHATEVER PROGRAM WORKED OUT AT ANDREWS AND DC ENVIRONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR RUSMIN AND DEPARTMENT.

5. IN REPLY TO QUERY WHETHER AND WHEN MRS. FORD WOULD MEET WITH MRS. SUHARTO, I SAID I WAS STILL UNAWARE OF PLANS IN THIS POINT BUT WOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS ON ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON COULD MAKE AVAILABLE.

6. GENERALS TJOKROPANOLO AND WIDJA LATIEF SAID THEIR PLANS FOR ADVANCE TRIP TO WASHINGTON (AND OTHER POINTS ON SUHARTO ITINERARY) HAD BEEN UPSET BY DELAYED VISIT OF INDIAN PRESIDENT (MAY 26 TO 31). THEY HAVE DECIDED THAT, UNLESS THEIR VISIT CONSIDERED NECESSARY ON USG SIDE, TO FOREGO TRIP AND LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF AMBASSADOR RUSMIN AND EMBASSY. I SAID I WAS SURE THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO WASHINGTON.

COMMENT: INDONESIANS LIKELY ATTACH MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. FORD TO RECEIVE MRS. SUHARTO. MOREOVER, IF EXPECTATION THAT MRS. SUHARTO AND MRS. MALIK WILL GO TO CAMP DAVID IS NOT TO MATERIALIZE, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN INFORM GOI AND GET THINKING/PLANNING GOING IN OTHER DIRECTION. DECISION AGAINST CAMP DAVID FOR THE LADIES WOULD BE MORE PALATABLE HERE, OF COURSE, IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR THEM TO BE RECEIVED

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